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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: AXMANN 4
SERIAL NO: 10/601,388
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TITLE: DEVICE FOR CONVEYING PIECE GOODS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004,
Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one
of the following two inventions:

Species I: Claims 1-9, FIGS. 11-20

Species II: Claims 10-12, FIGS. 1-10

ELECTION:

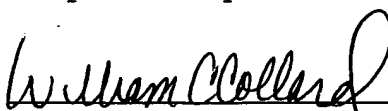
The Applicant respectfully elects herewith the Species I, as
set forth in claims 1-9 shown in FIGS. 11-20 for further
prosecution.

Applicant believes that claims 1-9 relate to all FIGS. 1-20
and in particular, claims 1-9 relate to 11-20 and also to FIGS.
1-3 and 5-9. It is believed that the present invention is
directed to a unitary inventive concept, namely, "Device for

Conveying Piece Goods. It is believed that any search for the species embodied in FIGS.11-20 and in claims 1-9 would necessarily include a search for the species embodied in FIGS. 1-10 and in claims 10-12. Thus, a simultaneous search for all of the species is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner. In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications for the same invention does not serve to promote the public interest. This is because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant also reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected embodiment.

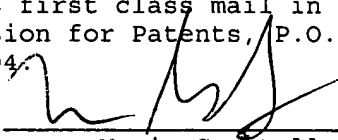
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